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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION: ALLOTEYS

1. DEPT. OFF CALLED AGAIN BY INSPECTOR MCDOWELL WHO REPORTED HE WAS ABLE TO CONTACT DOBBINS IN ST. LOUIS WHO IS RETURNING TO D.C. IMMEDIATELY. TONIGHT'S PAN AM FLIGHT OUT OF NEW YORK IS BOOKED SOLID, HOWEVER, WITH WAITING LIST, SO TRAVEL TODAY IS STILL RULED OUT.

2. MCDOWELL REPORTED BOTH HE AND DOBBINS ARE WILLING TO ARRIVE AND DEPART ACCRA ON WEDNESDAY IF EMBASSY CAN EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF FLIGHTS WEDNESDAY NIGHT, DEPENDING ON WHAT THE TRANSIT STOPS ARE. DEPT. EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO HAVE FUGITIVES TRANSIT LONDON BECAUSE OF PRIOR EXTRADITION CASE WHERE BRITISH FORCED DEPT. TO REEXTRADITE FUGITIVE FROM BRITAIN WHEN HE CLAIMED ILLNESS AND HAD TO BE TAKEN FROM AIRPORT TO HOSPITAL. MOREOVER, INSPECTORS ARE AFRAID ALLOTEYS WILL TRY TO PULL ANY STUNT THEY CAN TO ESCAPE CUSTODY IF TRANSIT STOP REQUIRES A LONG LAYOVER. NEVERTHE- LESS, MCDOWELL REQUESTS EMBASSY TO EXPLORE ALTERNATE ROUTES.

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